

WARRINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2003

A. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

The following information is published in accordance with Regulation 22 of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003.

The Council received recommendations from the Independent Remuneration Panel on the Scheme of Allowances to be introduced for the year 2016/17, the main features of the Panel's recommendations are shown below.

BASIC ALLOWANCE	£7,935
SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY ALLOWANCES	
- Leader of the Council	£20,015
- Deputy Leader	£15,012
- Portfolio Holder	£10,008
- Chairs of Policy	£8,506
- Chair of Scrutiny	£8,506
- Chair of Audit and Corporate Governance	£8,506
- Chair of Development Management	£8,506
- Chair of Licensing	£8,506
- Opposition Group Leaders	£8,506
- Chair of Corporate Parenting	£4,004
- Chairs of Traffic and Appeals	£2,002
- Deputy Chair of Development Management	£2,002
- Deputy Chairs of Policy	£2,002
- Chair of Standards	£2,002
CO-OPTEE'S ALLOWANCE	Nil
CIVIC ALLOWANCES	
- Mayor	£15,012
- Deputy Mayor	£5,004
- Mayoress/Consort	£4,003
- Deputy Mayoress/Consort	£3,202
IN-BOROUGH TRAVEL ALLOWANCE	
- All Members without an SRA	£243
- All Members with and SRA	£486
OUT OF BOROUGH TRAVEL ALLOWANCE	
- Public transport	Cost of most effective means available
- Motor cycle	24.0p (up to 10,000 miles)
- Motor car	45.0p (up to 10,000 miles)
- Taxi	Fare + reasonable gratuity
SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE	
- Bed and breakfast*	£106.67 (London and out of UK £138.68)
- Breakfast subsistence*	£7.40
- Lunch subsistence*	£9.15 (London £20)
- Tea Subsistence*	£3.75 (London £10)
- Evening Meal Subsistence*	£13.47 (London £30)
IT/TELEPHONE ALLOWANCE	
- Use of Council provided IT and mobile phone*	£100/month (paid directly to provider)
- Use of own telephone, if not as above	£28.75/month
CHILDCARE AND DEPENDANTS' CARERS*	£11.04/hour (maximum of £110.40/week)
PENSION SCHEME	Not open to councillors

* Actual costs only are paid, up to the maximum figures indicated.

The Panel's recommendations represent no change from the revised 2013/14 Scheme, except as follows:-

- The Basic Allowance shall increase annually in accordance with a percentage amount for inflation as determined by any positive value of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as at February immediately prior to the introduction of a new Scheme and shall be so indexed for a period of four years commencing on 1 April 2016 and ending on 31 March 2020. In the event of a negative value for inflation (deflation) there will be no change to the level of Basic Allowance.
- The Independent Remuneration Panel met on 16 February 2016 at which the panel recommended an SRA for the opposition leader in accordance with the following proportionality methodology:
For one or two opposition parties an SRA of £8506 be applied to each of the Leaders of each opposition party. For three or more opposition parties £8506 be allocated to the Leader of the largest group and then each further party leader to receive a proportion of £8506 according to the size of the group (the total figure not to exceed £17,012).

The recommendations of the Panel were submitted to the Council on 21 March and 22 June 2016, with effect for the period 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017.

A copy of the Panel's full report is available for public inspection on the Council's website www.warrington.gov.uk or at the Town Hall Reception, Sankey Street, Warrington, WA1 1UH during the usual office hours Monday to Friday.